



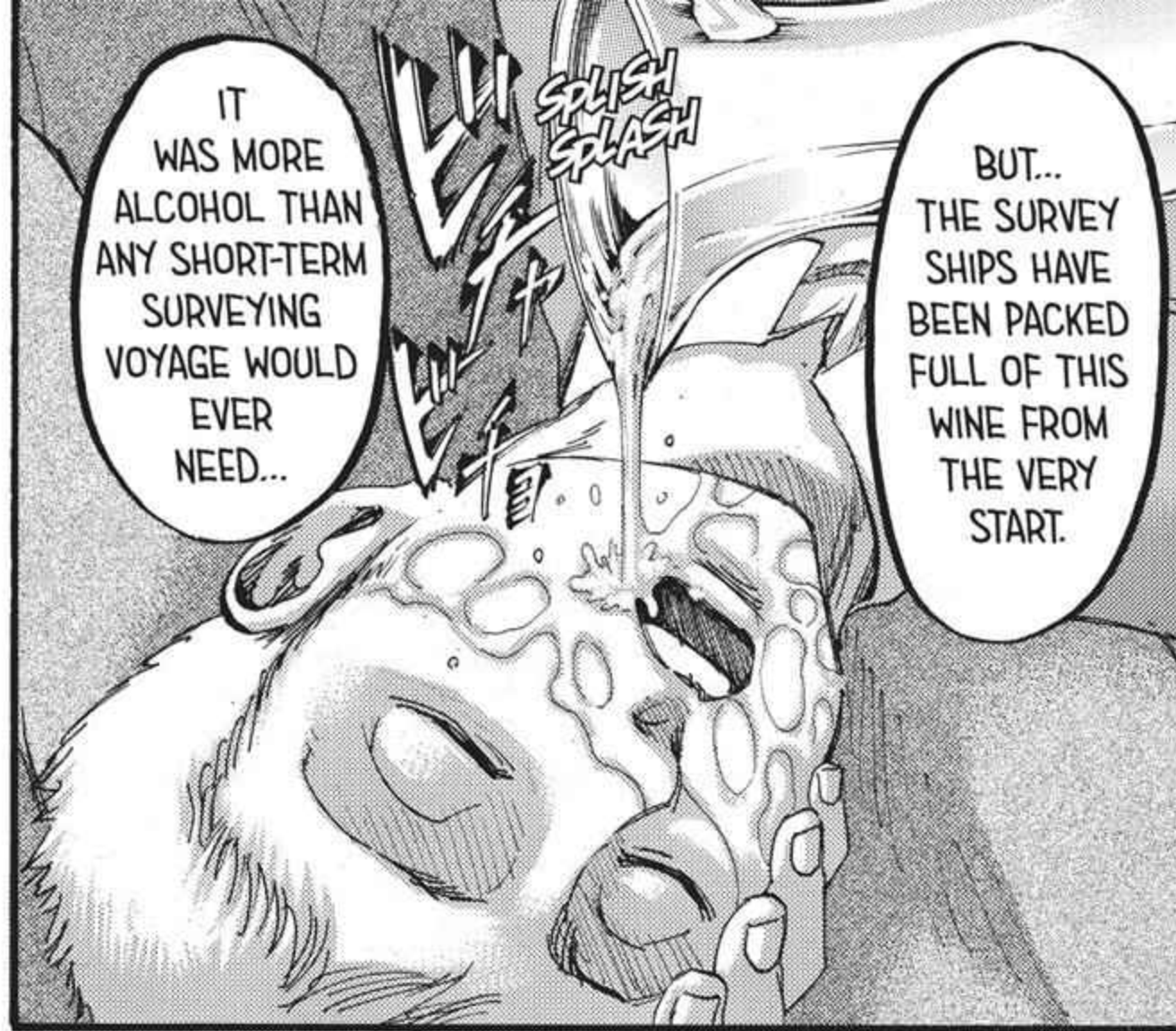
BOOM



ZEKE'S  
SPINAL  
FLUID IS  
IN THE  
WINE...?

WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN...?





IT WAS MORE ALCOHOL THAN ANY SHORT-TERM SURVEYING VOYAGE WOULD EVER NEED...

BUT... THE SURVEY SHIPS HAVE BEEN PACKED FULL OF THIS WINE FROM THE VERY START.



I DON'T HAVE PROOF ...



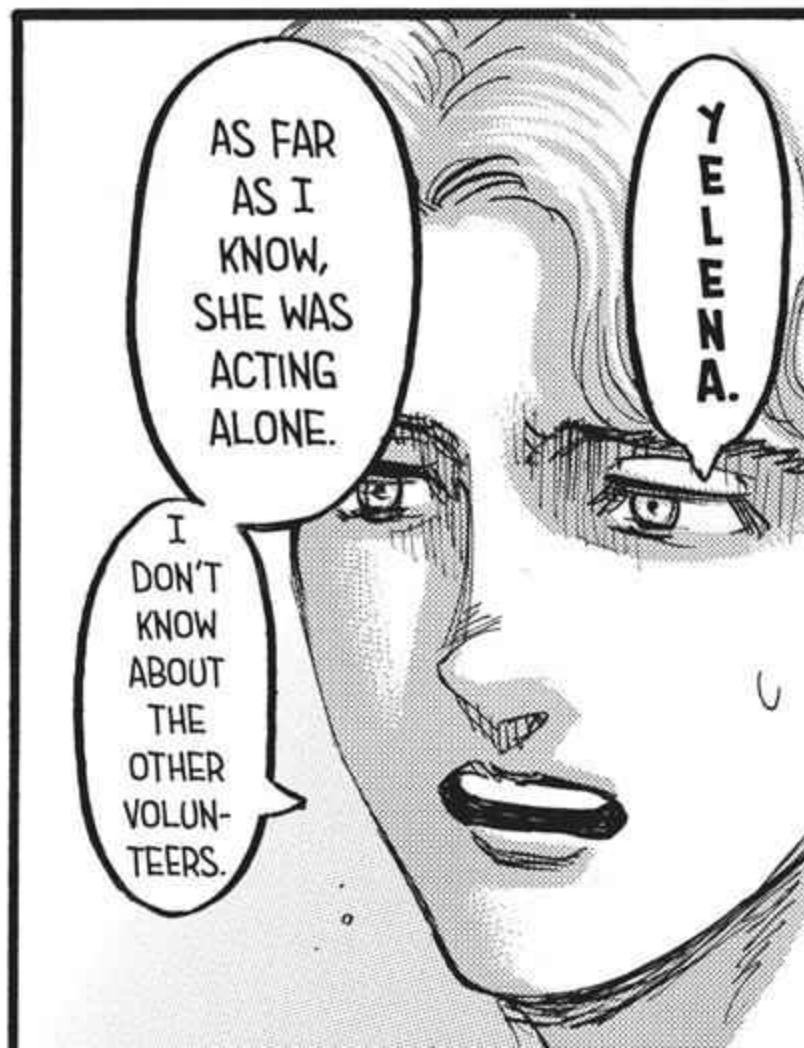
...I WAS TOLD TO SERVE IT TO THE MILITARY, STARTING WITH HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS.

AGAIN.

AND... JUST AS I STARTED TO SETTLE IN HERE AS THE CHEF..



I-I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THIS BEFORE, EITHER ...!



AS FAR AS I KNOW, SHE WAS ACTING ALONE.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE OTHER VOLUNTEERS.

Y E L E N A.



WHO TOLD YOU ?!





THAT'S  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
IN RAGAKO  
...



ELDIANS  
FREEZE UP  
THE MOMENT  
THEY DRINK  
ZEKE'S SPINAL  
FLUID, RIGHT?!



BUT...IT  
DOESN'T  
MAKE  
SENSE!



IT'S  
NOT LIKE  
ANYONE SAW  
IT HAPPENING.  
THERE'S NO  
WAY WE CAN  
CONFIRM.

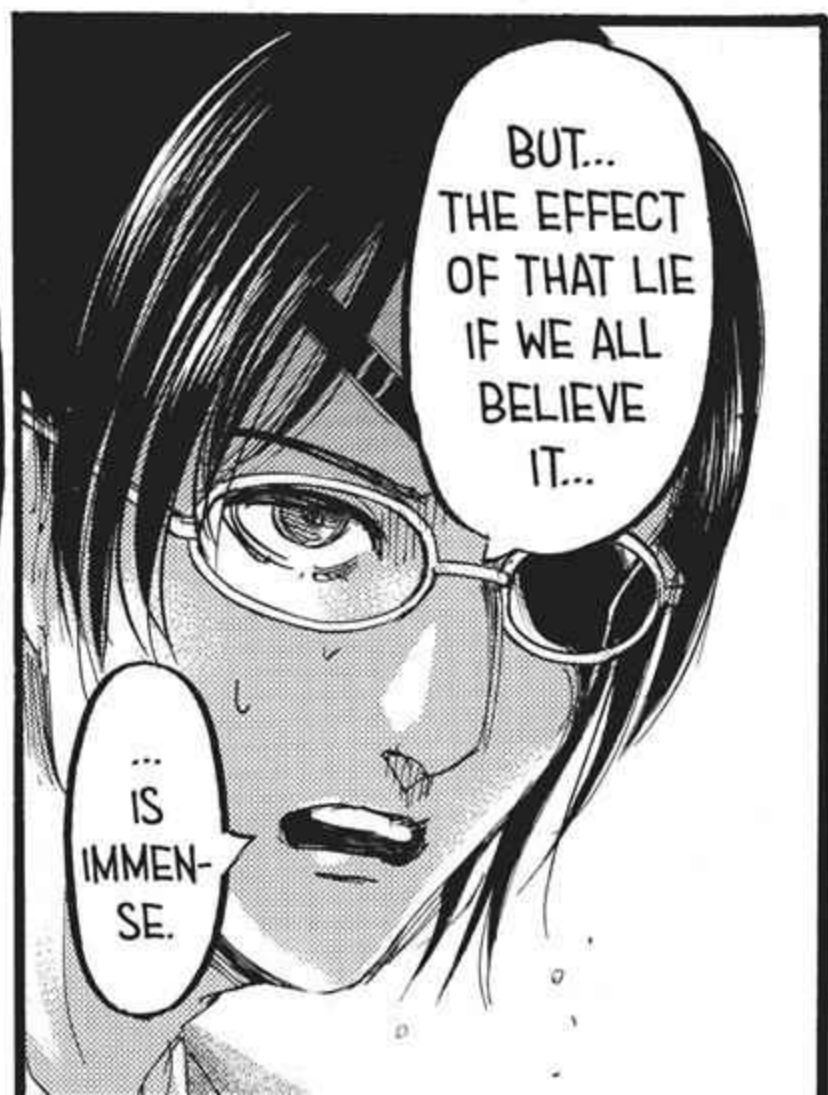


THAT'S  
JUST WHAT  
ZEKE  
SAID.



...NO ONE  
WOULD EVER  
THINK  
THEY'VE BEEN  
POISONED  
AS LONG AS  
WE DON'T  
SEE THOSE  
SYMPTOMS.

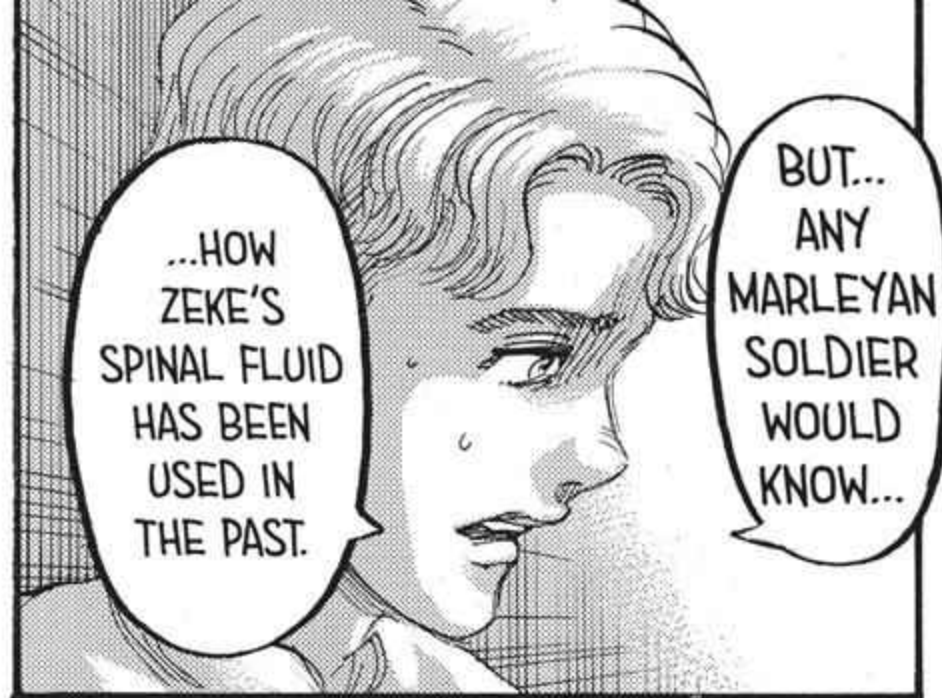
IF WE  
BELIEVE  
THAT WE'LL  
FREEZE UP  
AFTER  
BEING DOSED  
WITH ZEKE'S  
SPINAL  
FLUID...



BUT...  
THE EFFECT  
OF THAT LIE  
IF WE ALL  
BELIEVE  
IT...

...  
IS  
IMMEN-  
SE.





...HOW  
ZEKE'S  
SPINAL FLUID  
HAS BEEN  
USED IN  
THE PAST.

BUT...  
ANY  
MARLEYAN  
SOLDIER  
WOULD  
KNOW...

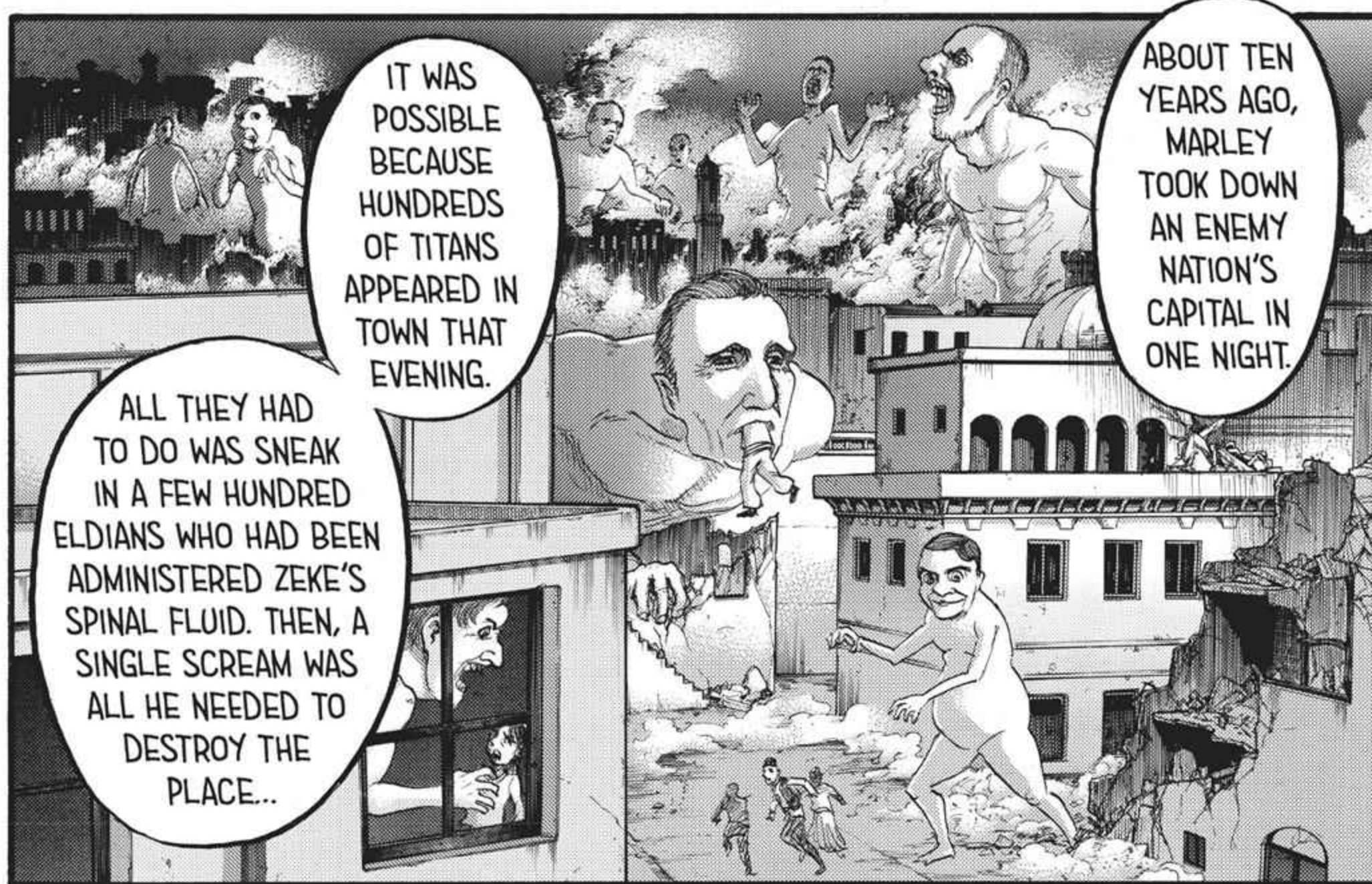


YES  
...

THERE'S  
NO  
PROOF.

THAT'S  
JUST  
YOUR  
THEORY,  
RIGHT  
?!

NO...  
BUT  
!!



IT WAS  
POSSIBLE  
BECAUSE  
HUNDREDS  
OF TITANS  
APPEARED IN  
TOWN THAT  
EVENING.

ALL THEY HAD  
TO DO WAS SNEAK  
IN A FEW HUNDRED  
ELDIANS WHO HAD BEEN  
ADMINISTERED ZEKE'S  
SPINAL FLUID. THEN, A  
SINGLE SCREAM WAS  
ALL HE NEEDED TO  
DESTROY THE  
PLACE...

ABOUT TEN  
YEARS AGO,  
MARLEY  
TOOK DOWN  
AN ENEMY  
NATION'S  
CAPITAL IN  
ONE NIGHT.



NOTHING  
ELSE  
WOULD  
MAKE  
SENSE  
TO ME.

WHY ELSE  
WOULD I  
NEED TO GET  
HIGHER-UPS  
IN THE  
MILITARY TO  
DRINK THAT  
SUSPICIOUS  
WINE?



THEY  
MUST BE  
PLOTING  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT...





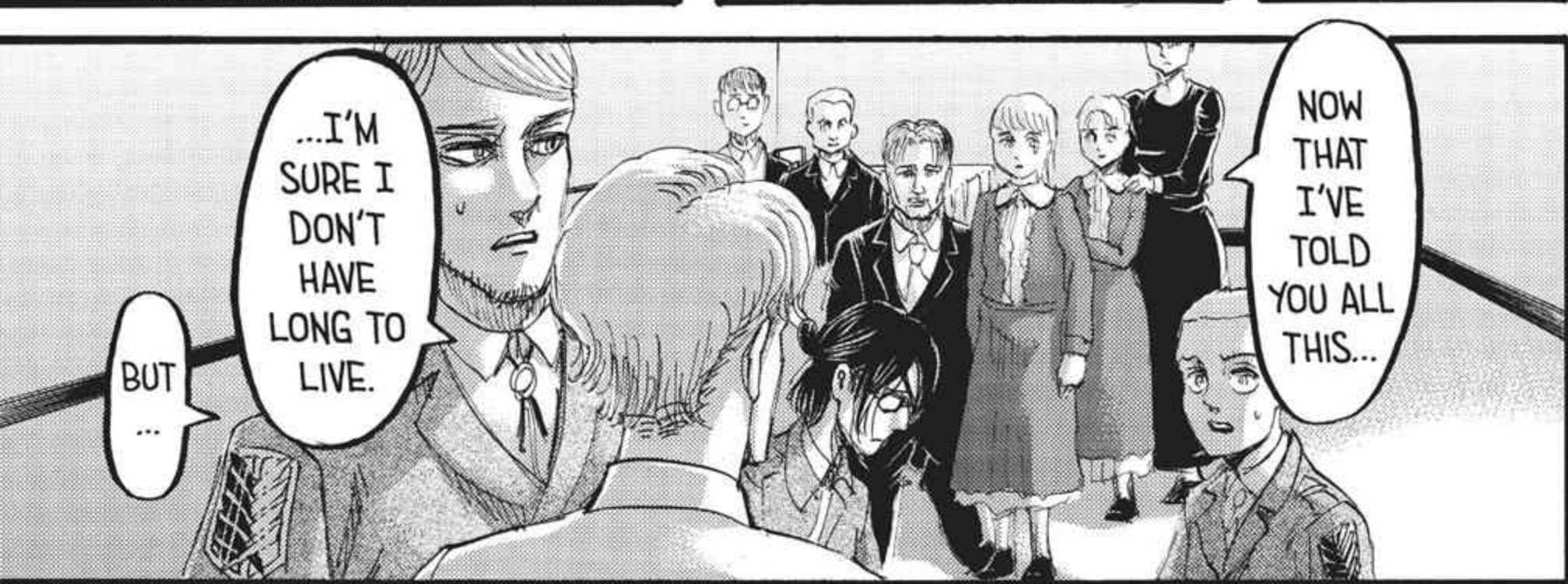
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO SCOUT THIS ISLAND OF DEVILS... AND SAVE THE WORLD...

...I DON'T KNOW... WHAT AM I DOING, ANYWAY?



WAS THAT... TO PROTECT US?!

WHEN YOU TOOK THAT WINE OUT OF OUR HANDS EARLIER...



...I'M SURE I DON'T HAVE LONG TO LIVE.

BUT ...

NOW THAT I'VE TOLD YOU ALL THIS...



...NOT YET. BUT...

...I CAN'T BE AS FORGIVING AS YOU...

MISTER BLOUSE ...



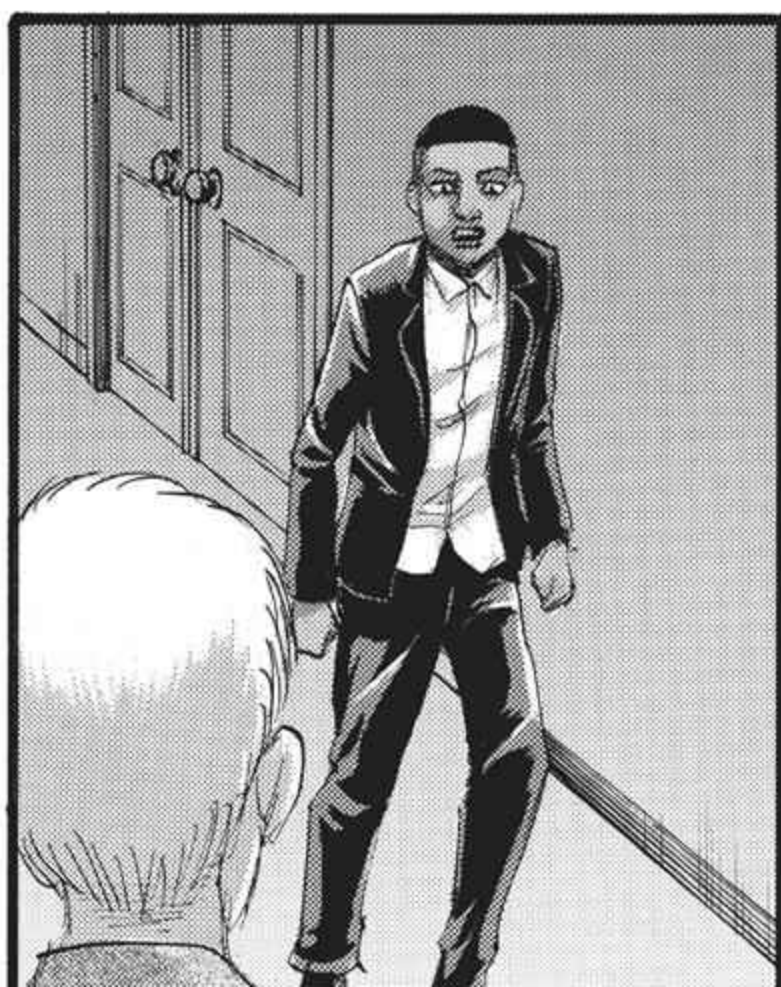
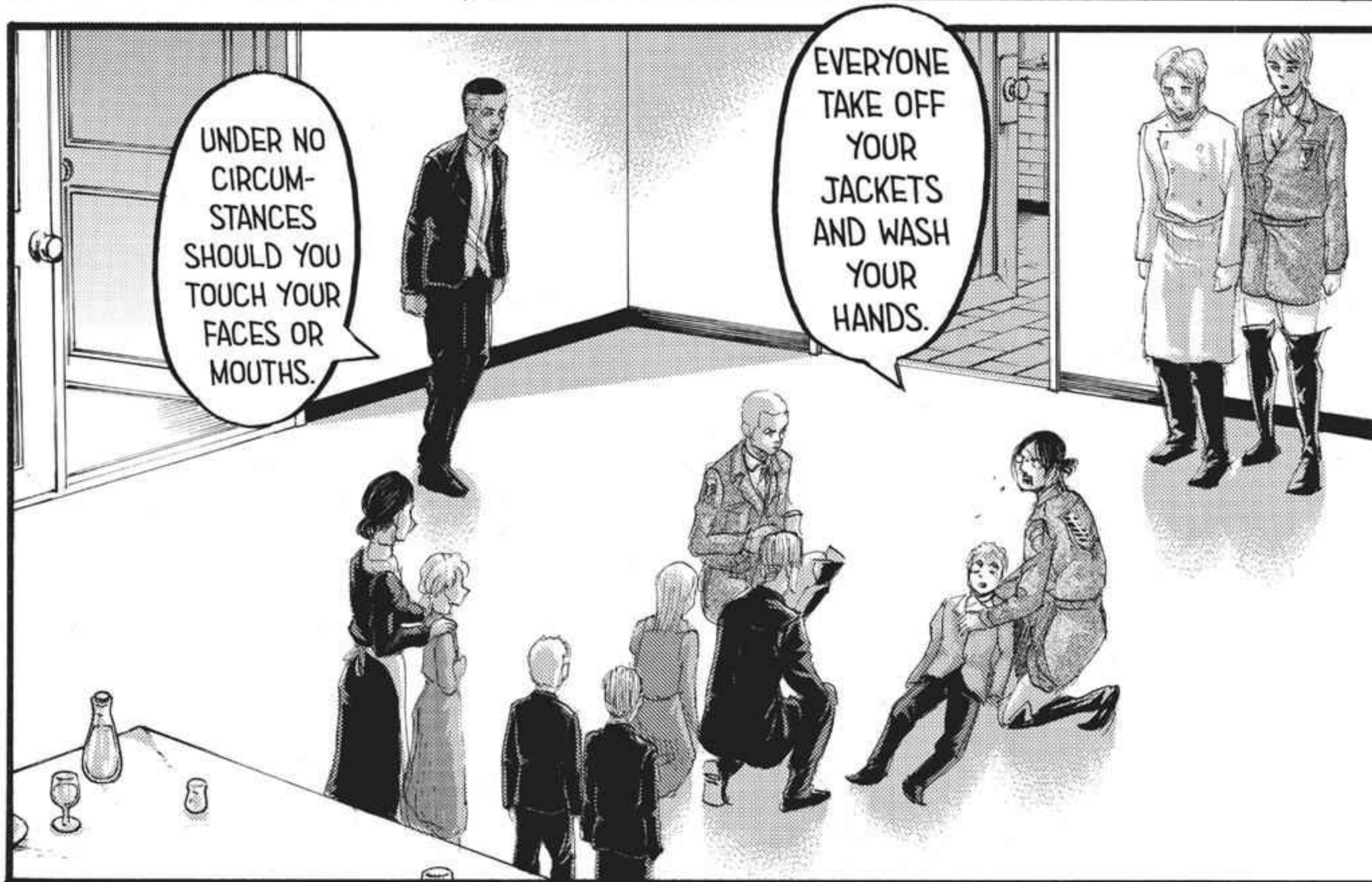
OH, NI-CO-LO ...



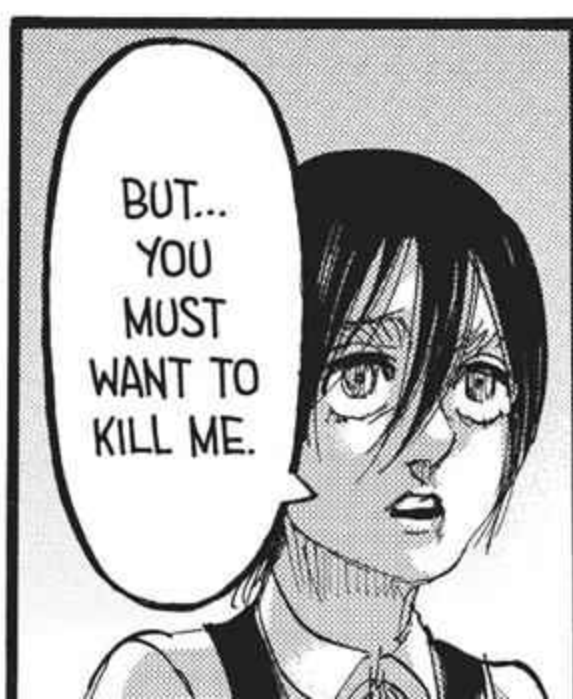
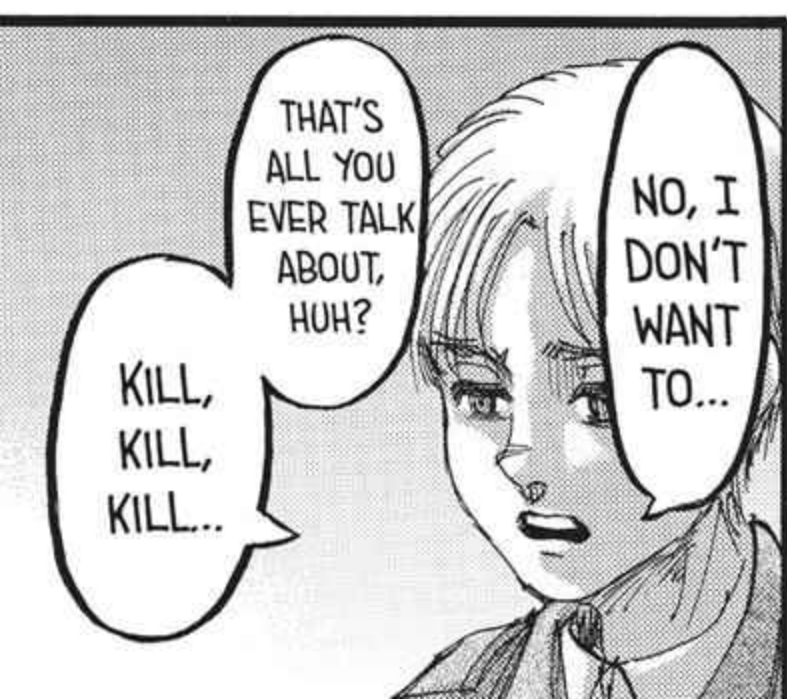
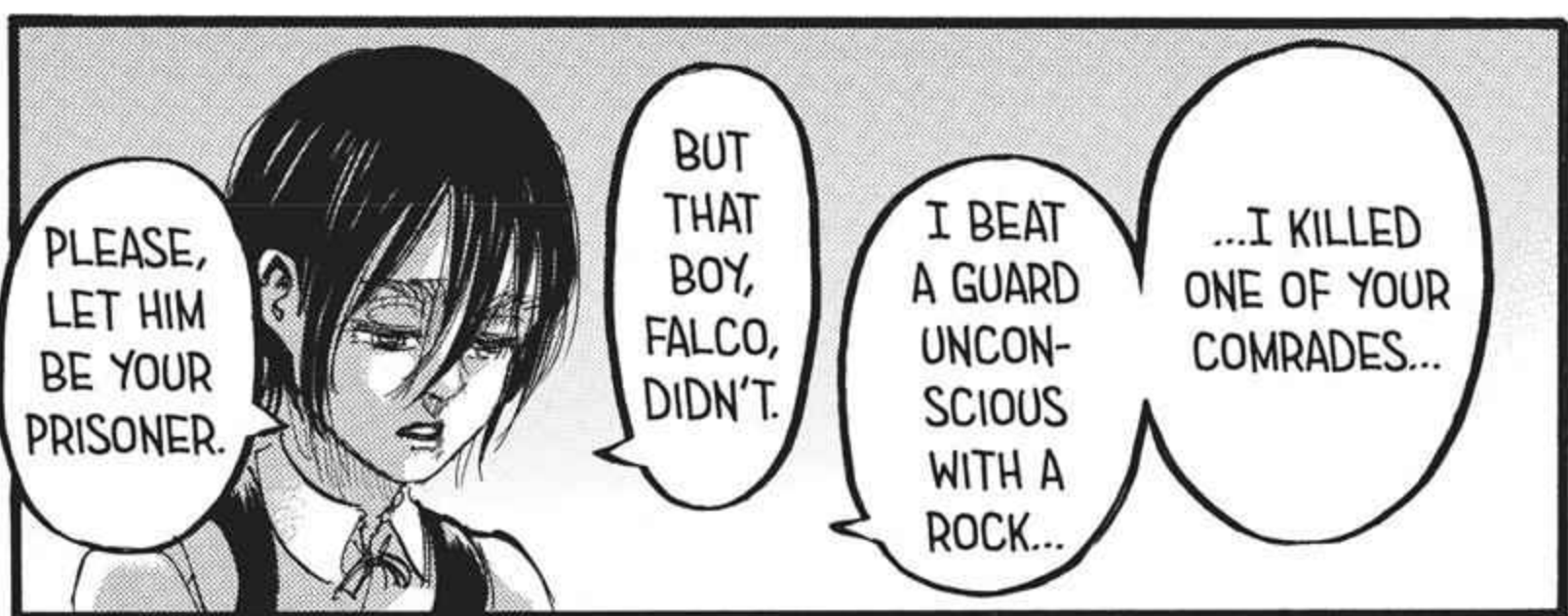
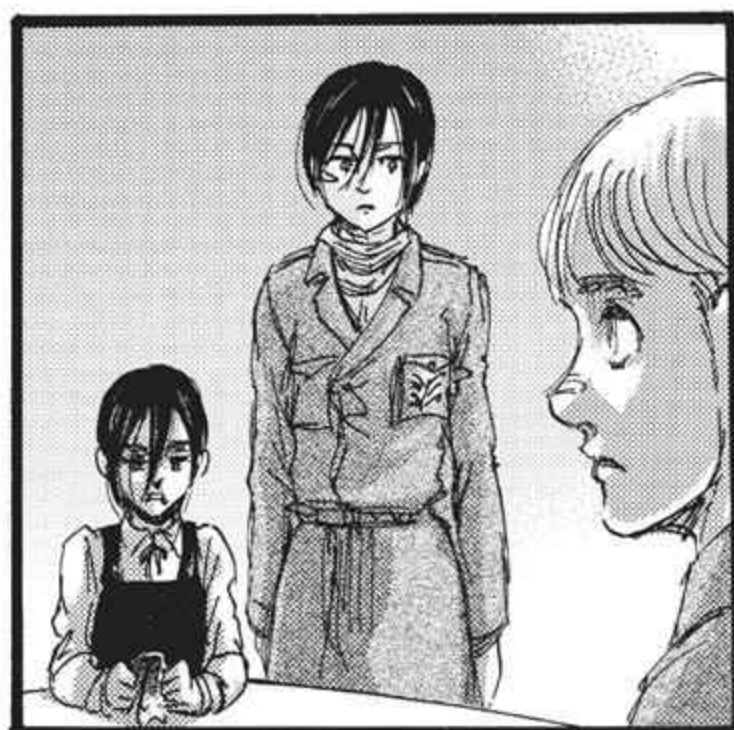
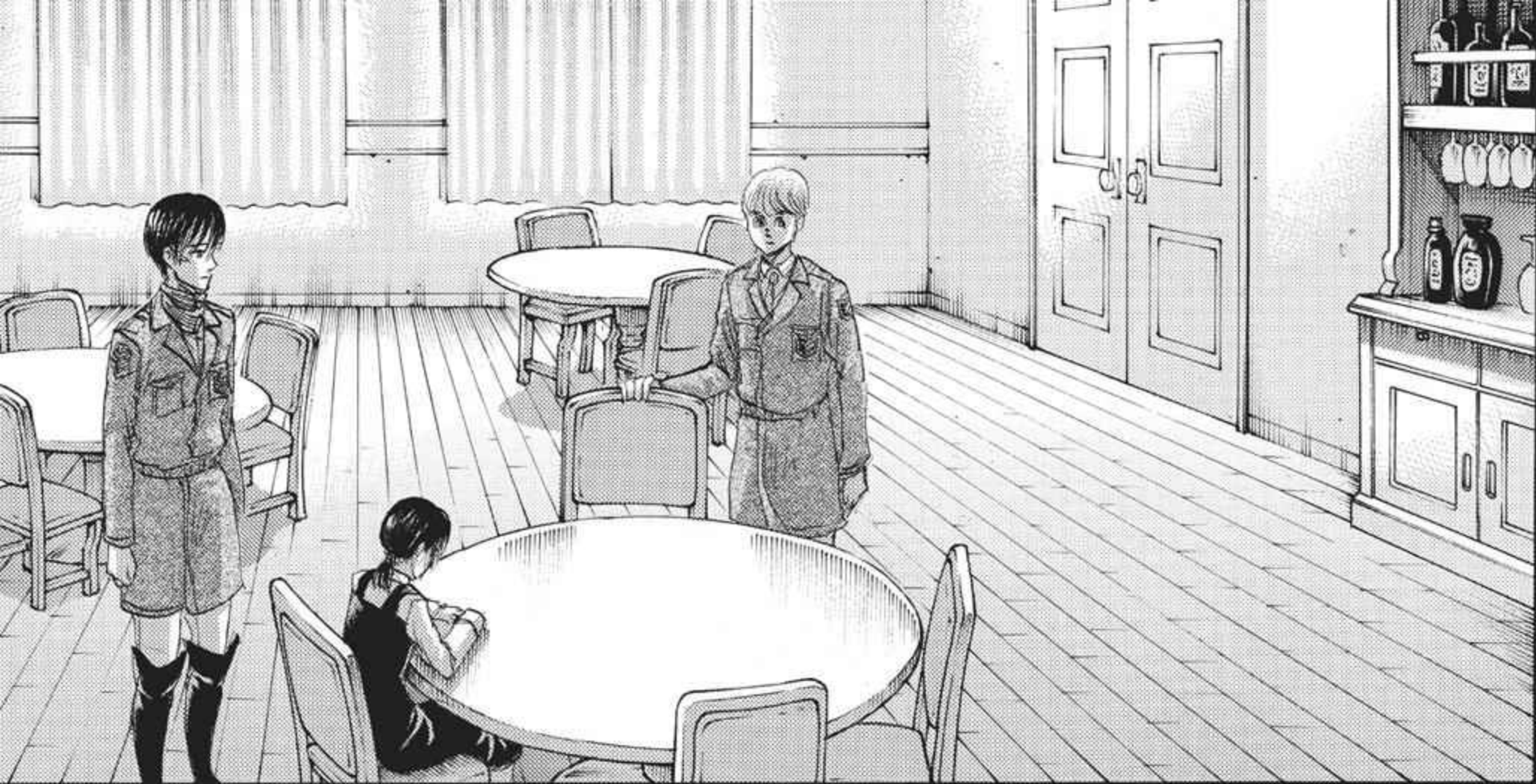
TRYING TO KILL A CHILD... WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

...I WANT TO ATONE IN SOME SMALL WAY...





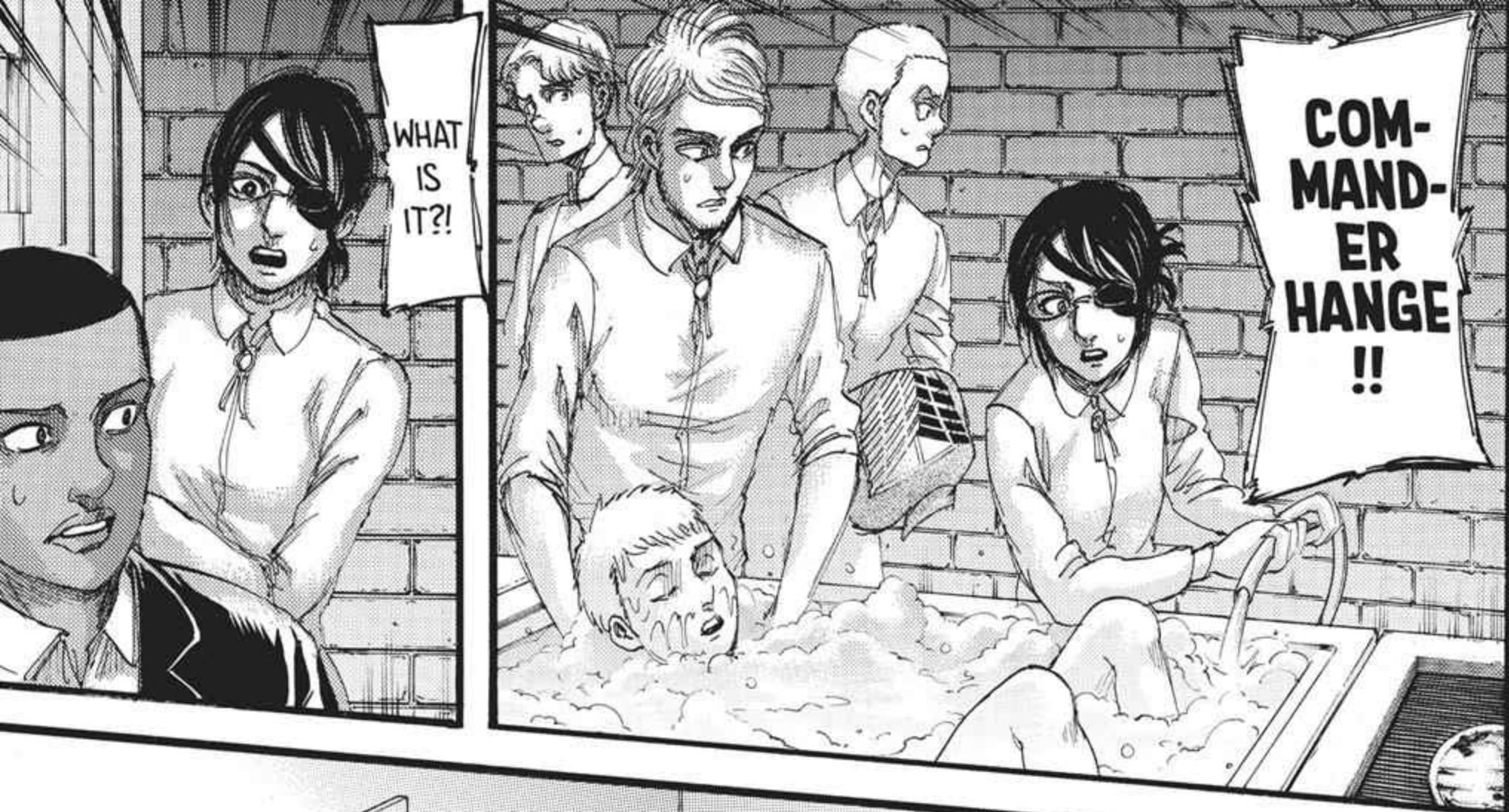




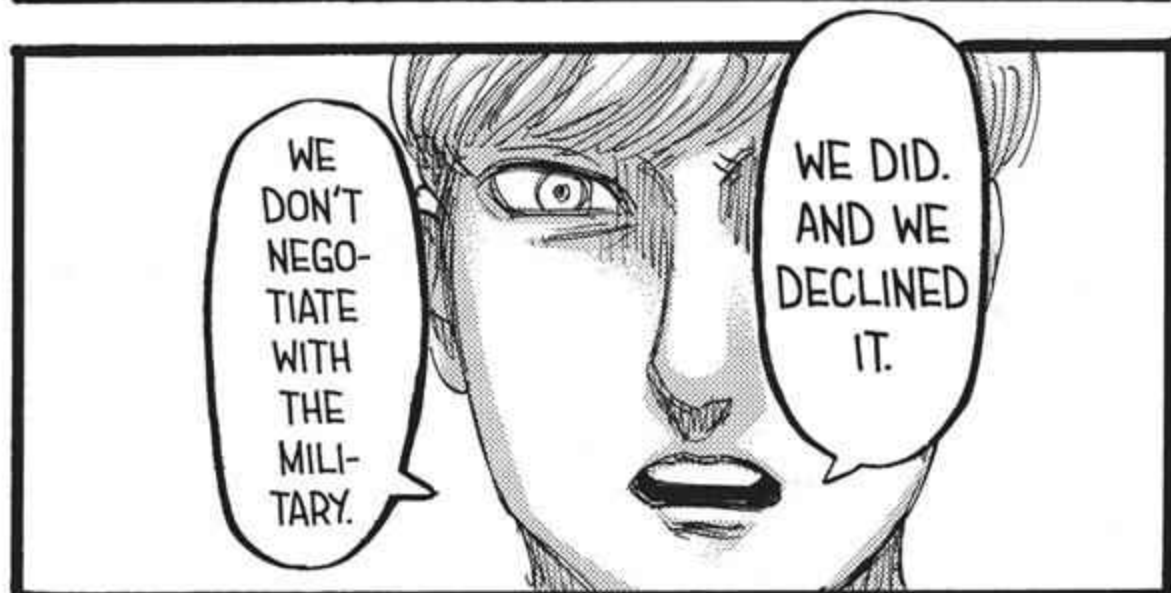

















COMMANDER  
PIXIS WOULD  
NEVER RISK LEAV-  
ING THE FATE  
OF THIS ISLAND  
IN **OUR** HANDS.

IT WAS  
EREN'S  
DECISION.




HE'S PROBABLY  
SCURRYING AROUND  
RIGHT NOW, TRYING  
TO COME UP WITH  
A WAY TO STEAL  
THE FOUNDER  
FROM EREN WHILE  
HE LEADS US ON A  
WILD GOOSE  
CHASE.



OR...  
IS THAT WHAT  
YOUR FRIENDS  
IN THE  
GARRISON  
TOLD YOU?

YOU'RE  
DELU-  
SIONAL.



I'D MUCH  
RATHER  
YOU CAME  
WITH US  
QUIETLY.

OR SHALL  
I PROVE  
I DON'T  
ANSWER  
TO YOU?

DO I  
LOOK LIKE ONE  
OF YOUR EAGER  
RECRUITS WHO'S  
GOING TO ANSWER  
ANY QUESTION  
YOU ASK ME?





DON'T  
TELL ME  
**YOU**  
BROUGHT  
THEM  
HERE!

**GRIEZ?!?**



WHA  
...?!

DAMN...  
HOW THE  
HELL DID  
THEY KNOW  
WE WERE  
HERE...?



DID...  
**YELENA**  
PUT  
YOU  
UP TO  
THIS?!

I WAS  
RIGHT TO  
NOT TELL  
YOU HOW  
TO CONTACT  
THEM.

I KNEW  
THIS DAY  
WOULD  
COME.

NICOLO...  
YOU'VE  
GOTTEN TOO  
CLOSE  
TO THE  
ELDIANS.



THIS IS NO  
TIME FOR  
US TO BE  
FIGHTING ONE  
ANOTHER!!

LISTEN  
TO ME,  
FLOCH!!

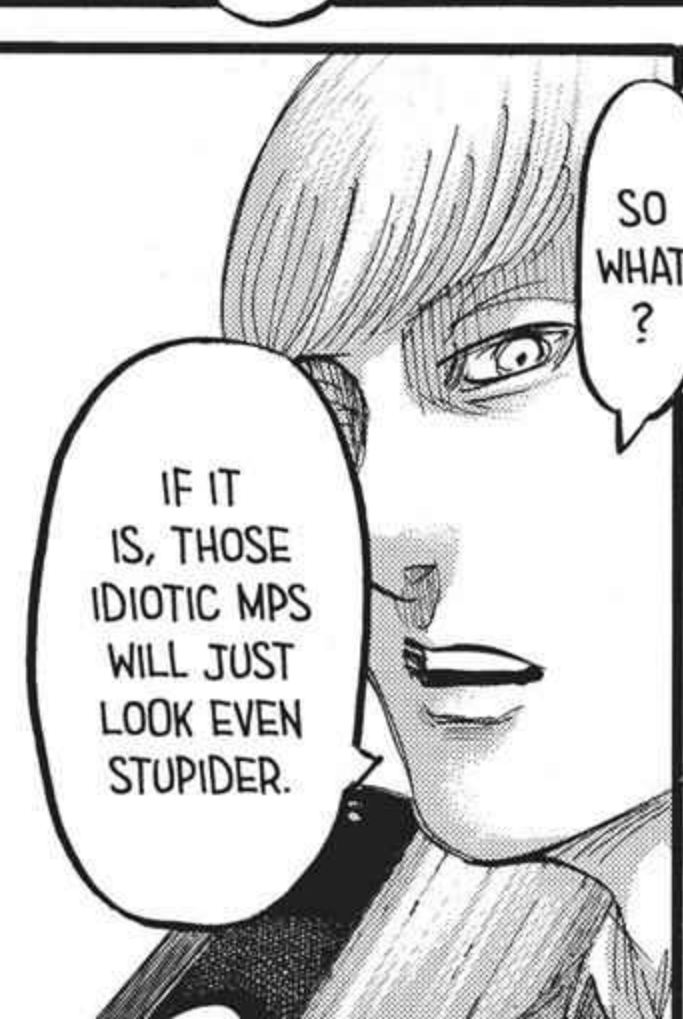


GRIEZ  
OVER THERE  
SHOULD HAVE  
AN IDEA OF  
WHAT'S GOING  
ON HERE!

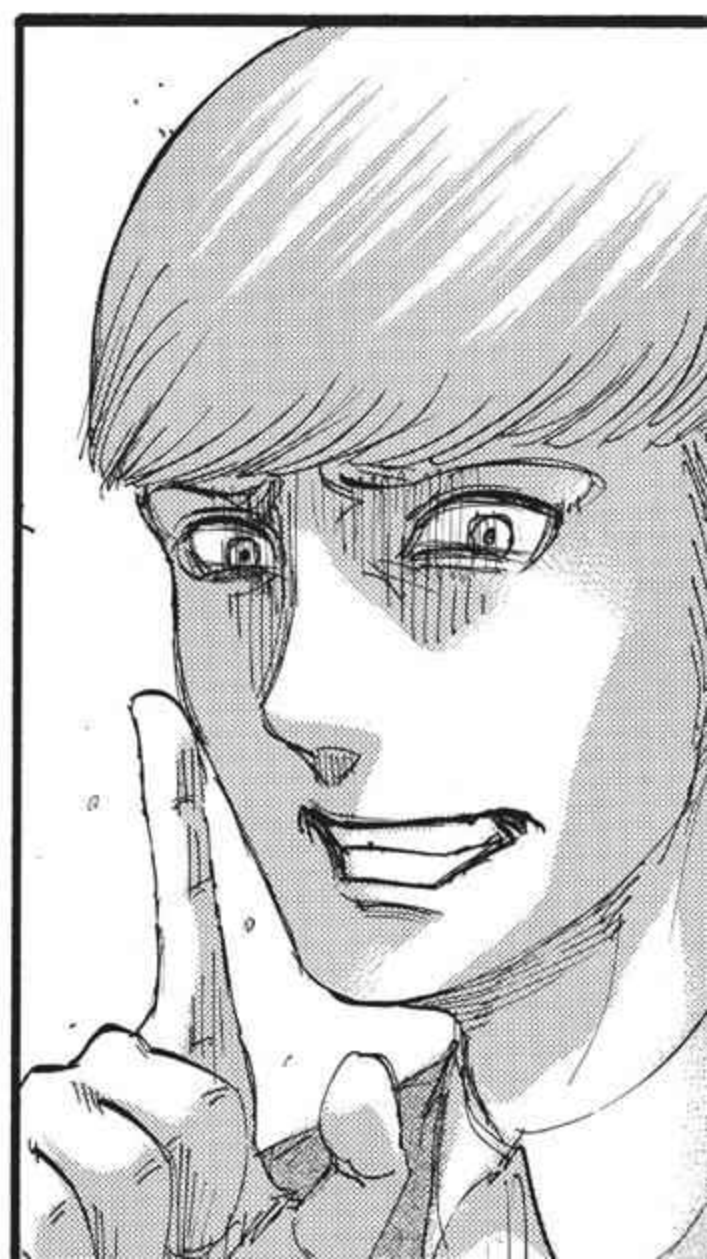
ZEKE  
HAS US  
DANCING  
IN THE  
PALM  
OF HIS  
HAND!

WINE  
CONTAMINATED  
WITH ZEKE'S  
SPINAL FLUID  
HAS BEEN  
SERVED  
THROUGHOUT  
THE MILITARY!!

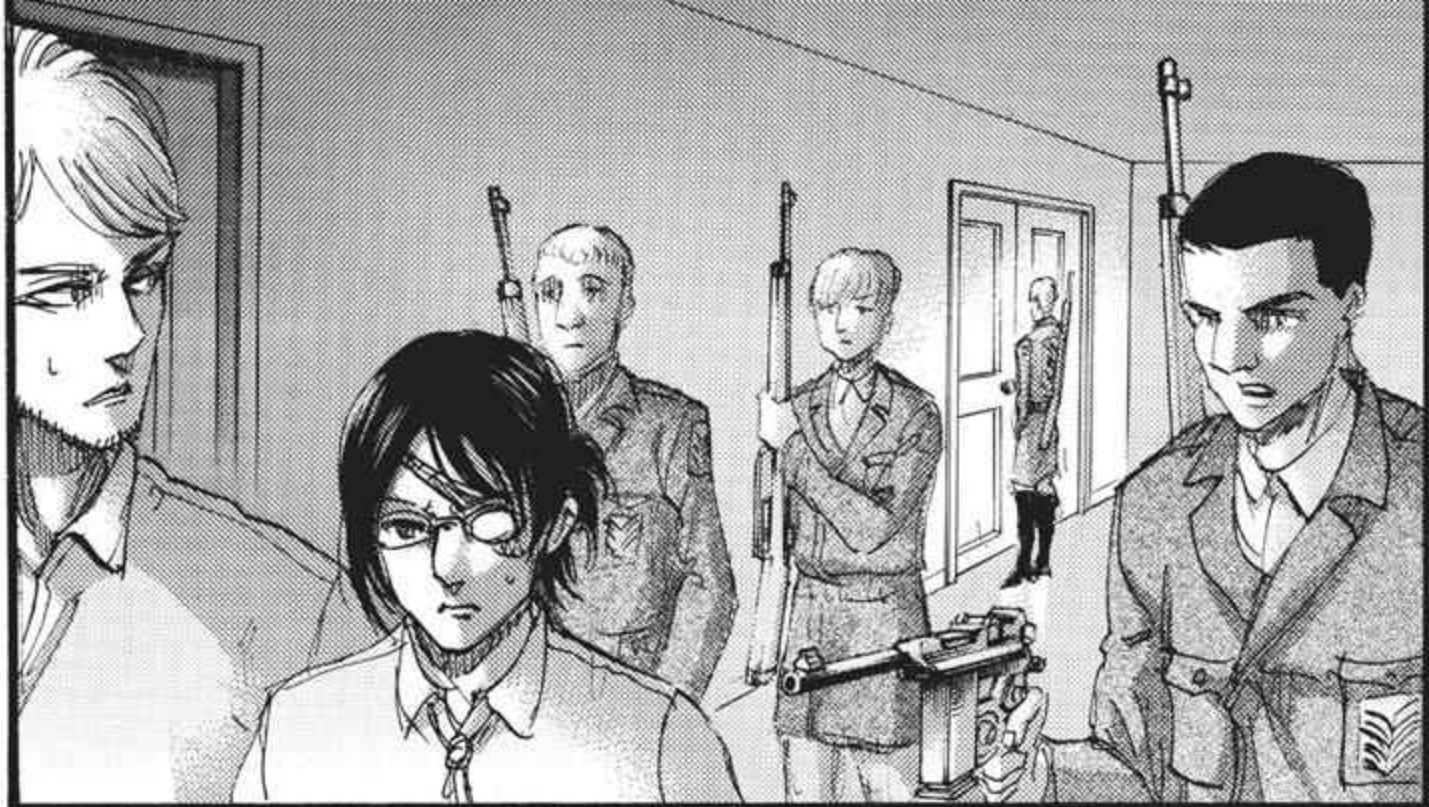








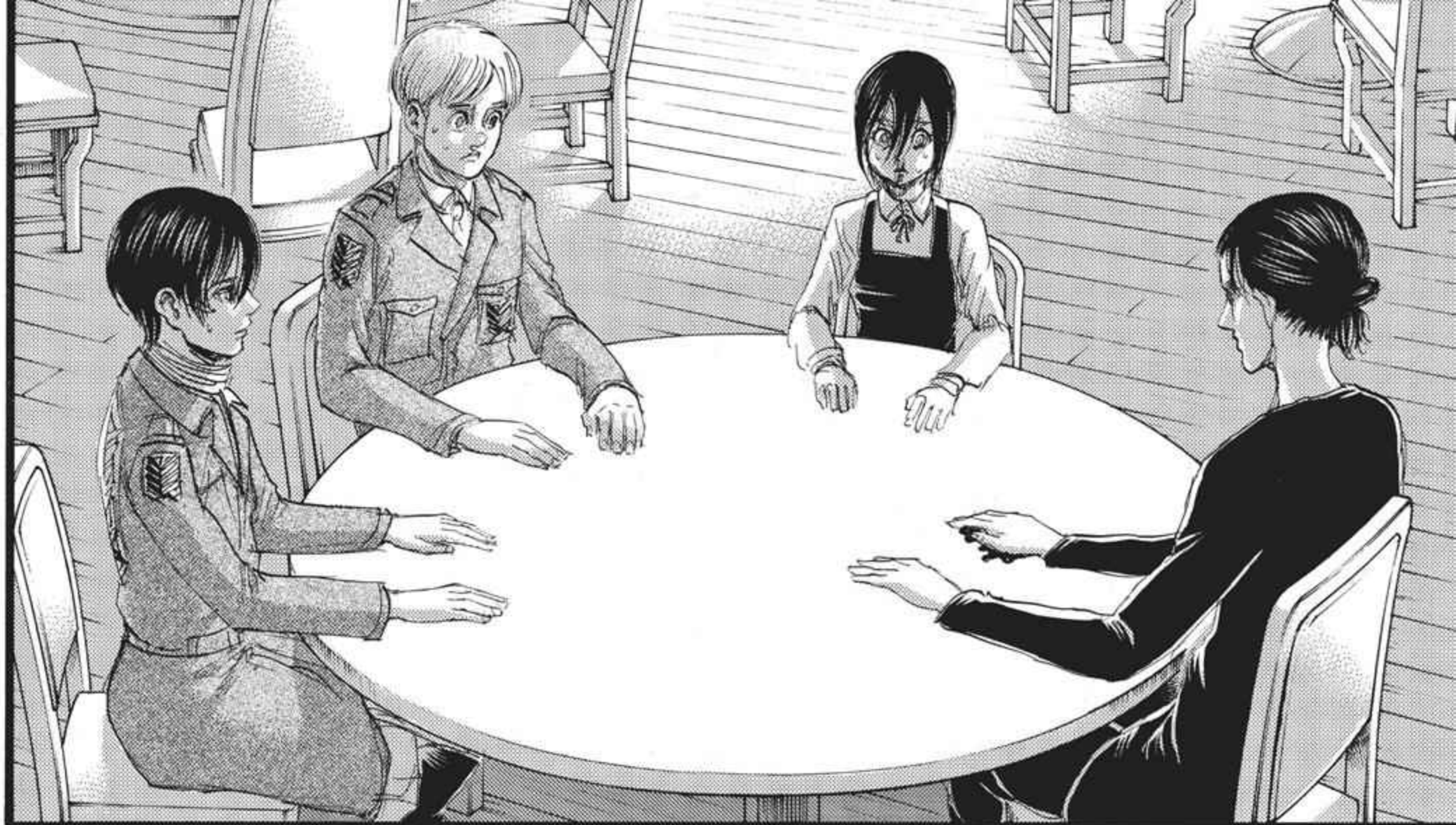




WE'RE  
GOING  
AHEAD.









CONFLICT IS  
NOT NECES-  
SARY TO  
SOLVE ELDIA'S  
PROBLEMS.

JUST A  
QUIET  
CHAT...

I  
WANTED  
TO  
SPEAK  
WITH  
YOU.

WE JUST  
WANTED TO  
KNOW WHAT  
YOU WERE  
THINKING,  
EREN...

WE'RE  
THE  
ONES  
WHO  
WANTED  
TO TALK  
TO YOU.

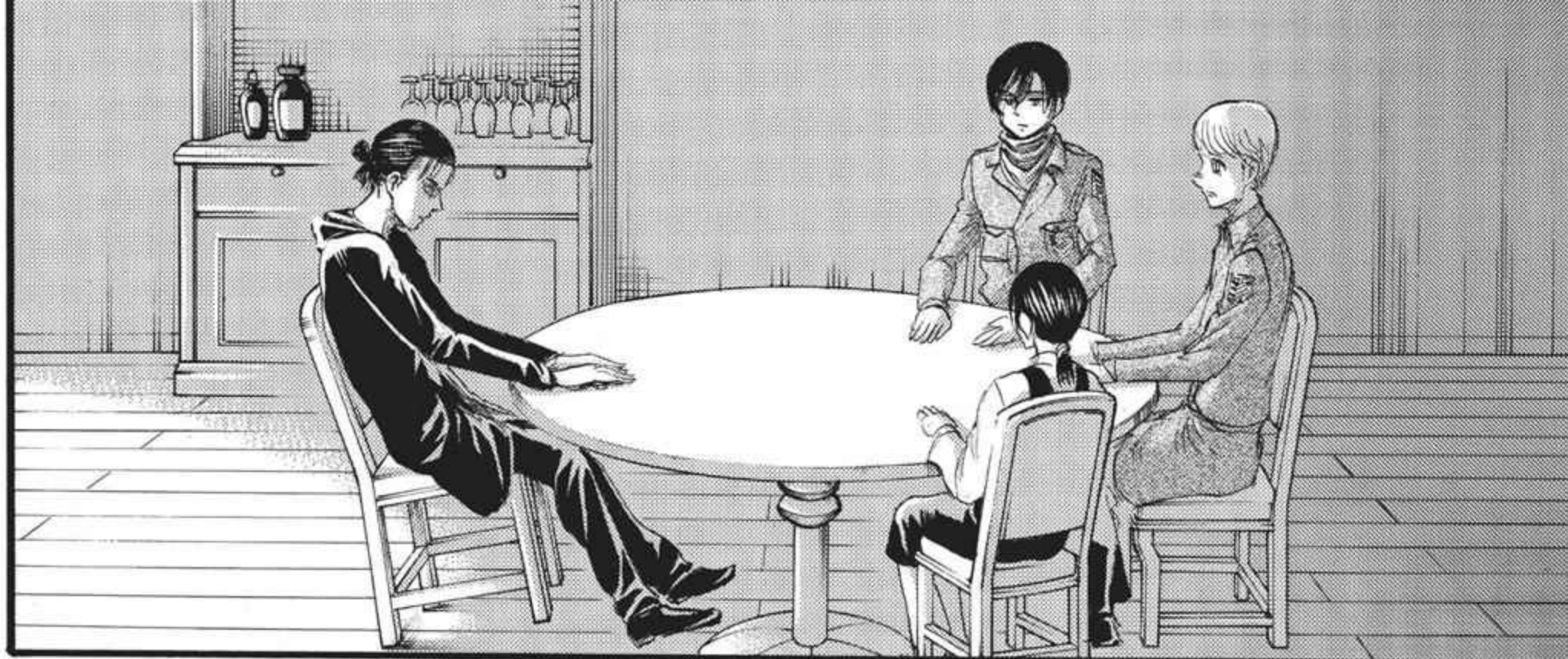
...

HANGE  
AND THE  
OTHERS  
WILL BE  
FINE. WE'RE  
JUST RE-  
LOCATING  
THEM.

WHY  
DID YOU  
DECIDE  
TO ATTACK  
MARLEY  
ON YOUR  
OWN...?

HAVE...  
ZEKE AND  
YELENA  
REALLY  
WON YOU  
OVER TO  
THEIR  
SIDE...?









EVEN AFTER THAT, THIS HAS ALL BEEN WHAT YOU WANTED?

YOU MET WITH YELENA IN SECRET THE NIGHT THE RAILWAY OPENED, RIGHT?




...



YOU'RE BEING CONTROLLED.



NO.



THAT'S RIGHT.



YOU'VE ALWAYS CARED AND THOUGHT ABOUT US MORE THAN ANYONE...

THE REAL EREN WOULD NEVER INVOLVE CIVILIANS AND CHILDREN, EVEN IF THEY LIVED IN AN ENEMY STATE.



...BECAUSE YOU'RE A KIND PERSON... RIGHT?!

...AND WRAPPED THIS SCARF AROUND ME...

THUNK

YOU SAVED ME FROM THOSE KIDNAPPERS...

AREN'T I RIGHT?





I SAID  
KEEP  
YOUR  
HANDS  
ON THE  
TABLE.

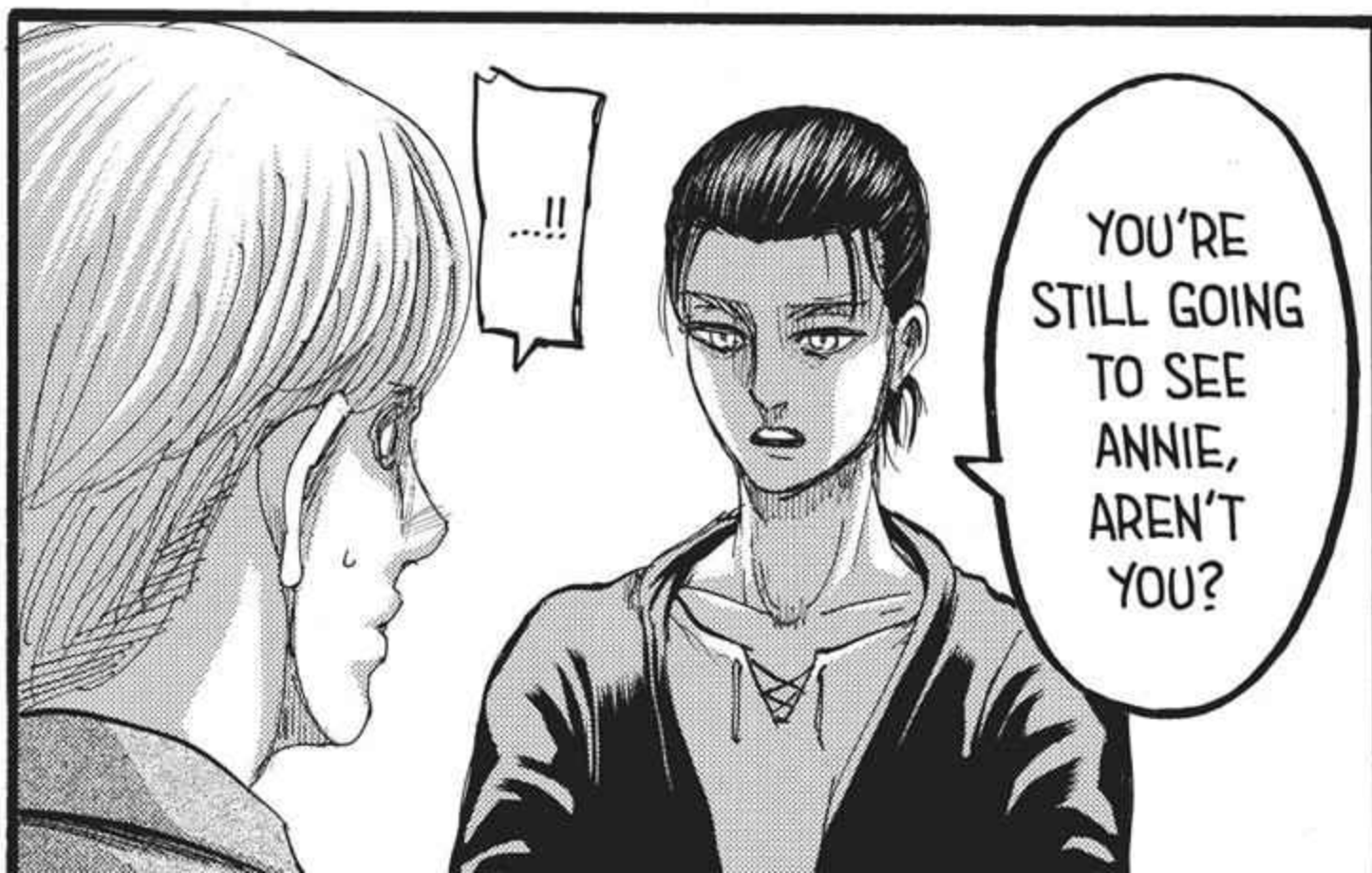


ZEKE  
KNOWS  
MORE THAN  
MARLEY  
DOES.

I  
LEARNED  
A LOT  
THEN.

BROTHER  
TO  
BROTHER  
...

I HID  
MYSELF  
IN LIBERIO  
AND SPOKE  
WITH ZEKE.



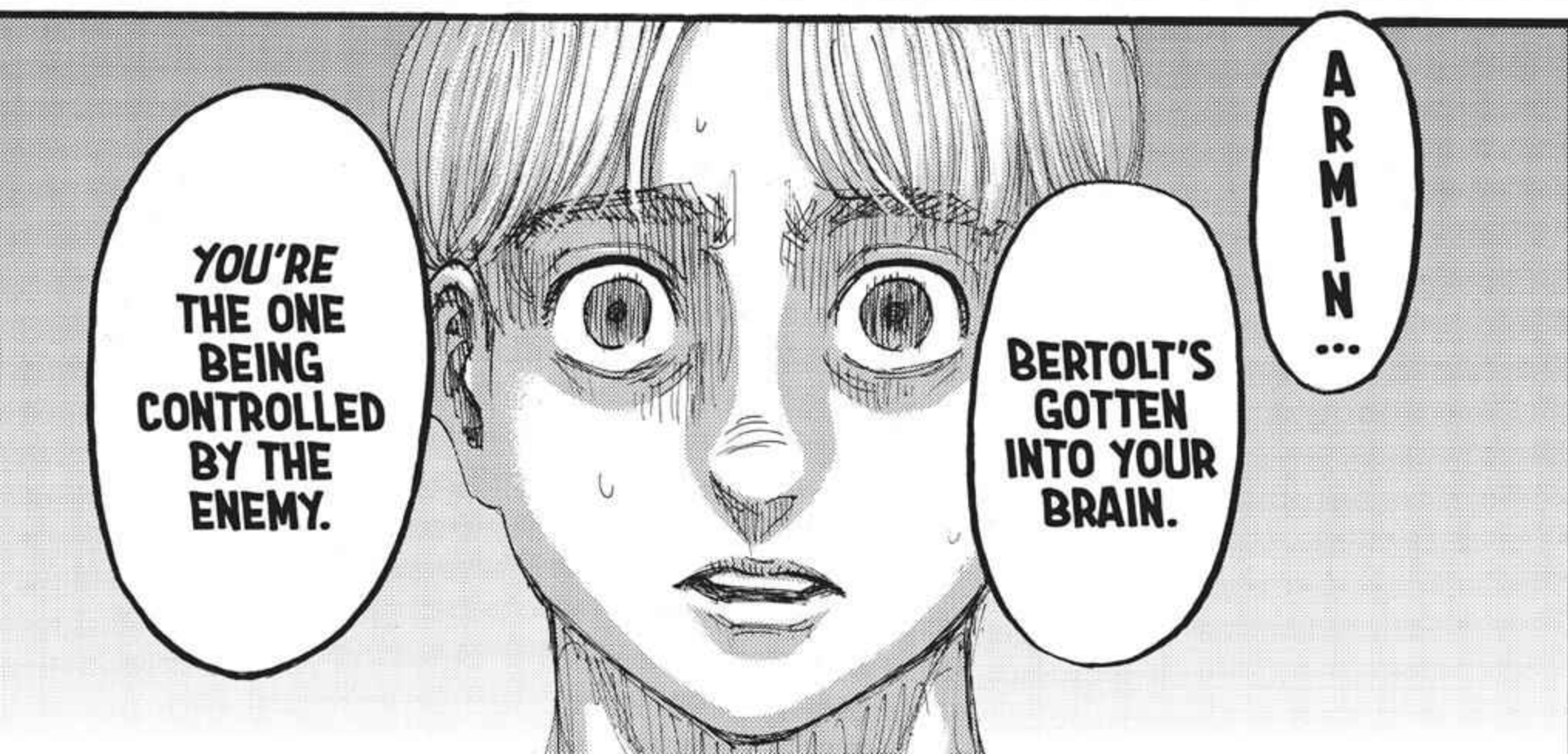
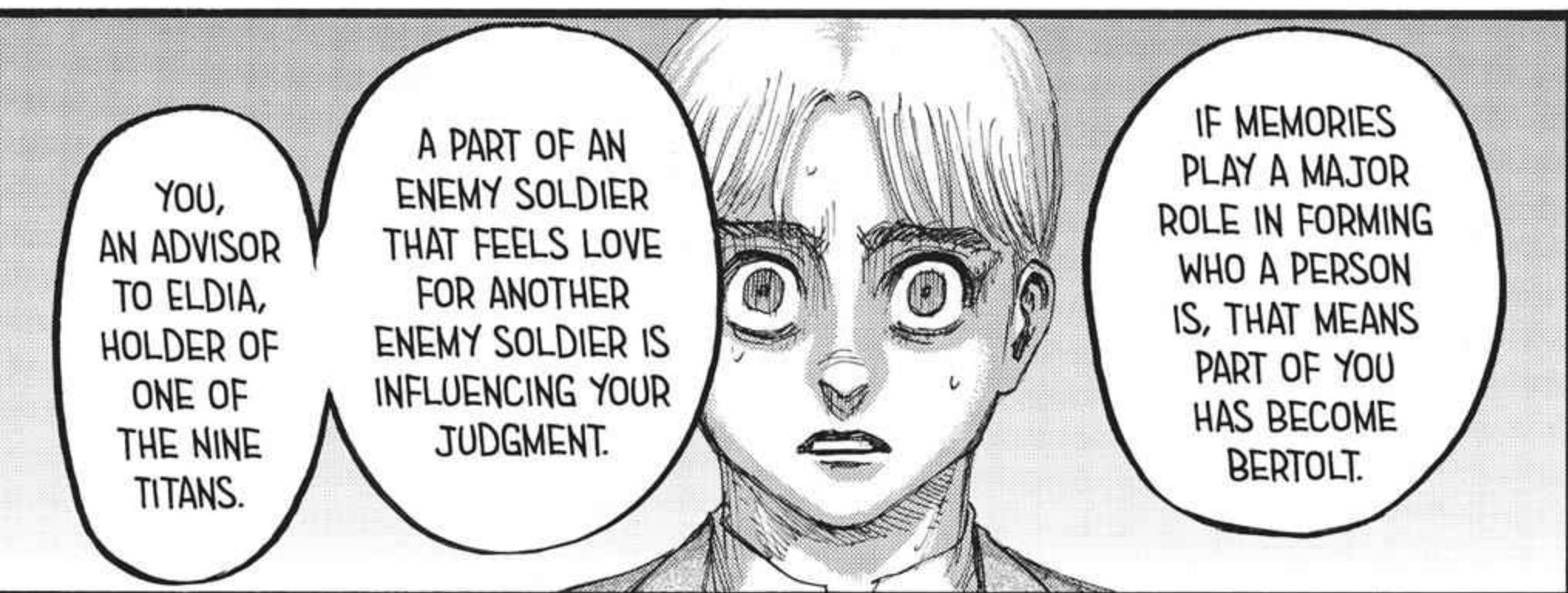
...!!

YOU'RE  
STILL GOING  
TO SEE  
ANNIE,  
AREN'T  
YOU?




ARMIN.










I'M SAYING  
THAT THERE'S  
NOTHING FURTHER  
REMOVED FROM  
FREEDOM THAN  
IGNORANCE.



WHAT'RE  
YOU  
TRYING  
TO DO?



EREN!




...  
?!

THE  
REASON...  
YOU'RE  
STRONG,  
MIKASA.


I  
LEARNED  
ABOUT THE  
ACKERMANS  
THERE,  
TOO.

...A BLOODLINE  
THAT COULD  
PARTLY MANIFEST  
THE STRENGTH  
OF A TITAN WHILE  
IN HUMAN FORM.  
THE ACKERMAN  
CLAN.

...BUT THEY DID  
DISCOVER THERE  
WAS AN ACCIDEN-  
TAL BYPRODUCT  
OF ELDIA'S  
EXPERIMENTS WITH  
THE SUBJECTS OF  
YMIER OVER THE  
CENTURIES...



FOR ALL  
THEIR EFFORTS,  
MARLEY'S SCHOLARS  
BARELY KNOW A  
THING ABOUT THE  
TITANS...



HUH  
?

TRACES OF THAT  
INSTINCT STILL  
REMAIN. SO WHEN  
ACKERMANS SENSE  
THE PRESENCE OF A  
CERTAIN HOST, TRAITS  
THAT ARE INHERENT  
IN THEIR BLOOD  
WILL ACTIVATE.



THE  
ACKERMAN  
CLAN WAS  
**DESIGNED**  
TO PROTECT  
ELDIA'S  
KING.





...BECAUSE  
OF YOUR  
INSTINCTS  
AS AN  
ACKERMAN.

IN  
OTHER  
WORDS,  
YOU ONLY  
CLING TO  
ME...



ALL OF THE  
CONDITIONS WERE  
MET TO AWAKEN  
THE INSTINCTS  
HIDDEN IN YOUR  
ACKERMAN  
BLOOD.

TO  
FIGHT.

IN THAT  
MOMENT, WHEN  
YOU WERE  
FACING DEATH,  
YOU OBEYED  
MY ORDER.



ALL  
BECAUSE  
YOUR BLOOD  
MISTAKENLY  
THOUGHT I  
WAS THE HOST  
YOU HAD TO  
PROTECT.

...YOU  
GAINED THE  
BATTLE  
EXPERIENCES  
OF ALL PAST  
ACKERMANS—  
BY WAY OF  
A PATH.

NOT  
ONLY  
DID THIS  
HEIGHTEN  
YOUR  
PHYSICAL  
ABILITIES  
TO AN  
EXTREME  
...



...A  
MISTAKE.

IT  
WAS  
NOT  
...

WHY  
NOT  
?

IT  
CAN'T  
?

...  
THAT  
CAN'T  
BE.

IT  
WAS ALL  
BECAUSE  
OF YOU...

...I  
WAS  
ABLE  
TO  
BECOME  
STRONG.

BECAUSE  
OF YOU,  
EREN...

IT'S  
BECAUSE  
IT WAS  
**YOU...**

SOUND  
FAMILIAR?

THEY SAY  
THIS HAPPENS  
OUT OF THE TRUE  
SELF TRYING TO  
RESIST BEING  
FORCED TO PROTECT  
THE HOST...

ONCE AN ACKER-  
MAN AWAKENS,  
THEY OFTEN  
SUFFER FROM  
SUDDEN HEAD-  
ACHES.

ACCORD-  
ING TO THE  
RESEARCH...



THROB

...NO.

LEAVING ONLY YOU BEHIND, EVER FAITHFUL TO YOUR ACKERMAN INSTINCTS.

...  
DISAPPEARED IN THAT MOUNTAIN CABIN, AT NINE YEARS OLD.

...WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT THE **REAL** MIKASA...

I...

...  
NO.

IN OTHER WORDS, SLAVES.

...AT THE COST OF LOSING THEIR TRUE SELVES.

A CLAN CREATED TO FOLLOW ORDERS...

STOP IT, EREN!!





THEY'RE  
NO BETTER  
THAN LIVE-  
STOCK.

ANYONE  
WHO ISN'T  
FREE.

DO YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
I HATE MOST  
IN THIS  
WORLD?

**E  
R  
E  
N!!**



**I COULDN'T  
STAND TO  
LOOK  
AT A SLAVE  
WHO ALWAYS  
FOLLOWED  
ORDERS  
WITHOUT  
QUESTION.**

NOW I  
FINALLY  
UNDER-  
STAND  
WHY.

JUST  
LOOKING  
AT HER  
MADE  
ME SO  
ANGRY.

EVER  
SINCE...  
I WAS A  
KID...













IT'S  
ALL YOU  
ARE.

NO  
...

N  
...



SEE? ALL  
YOU'VE EVER  
DONE IN  
YOUR LIFE WAS  
DICTATED BY  
YOUR  
ACKERMAN  
BLOOD.



A  
A  
R  
G  
H!











BECAUSE  
IT COULD  
NEVER  
BE A FAIR  
FIGHT!



JUST...  
STOP.



YES,  
SIR.

TAKE  
THEM  
AWAY.



SO  
JUST  
COME  
WITH  
US.



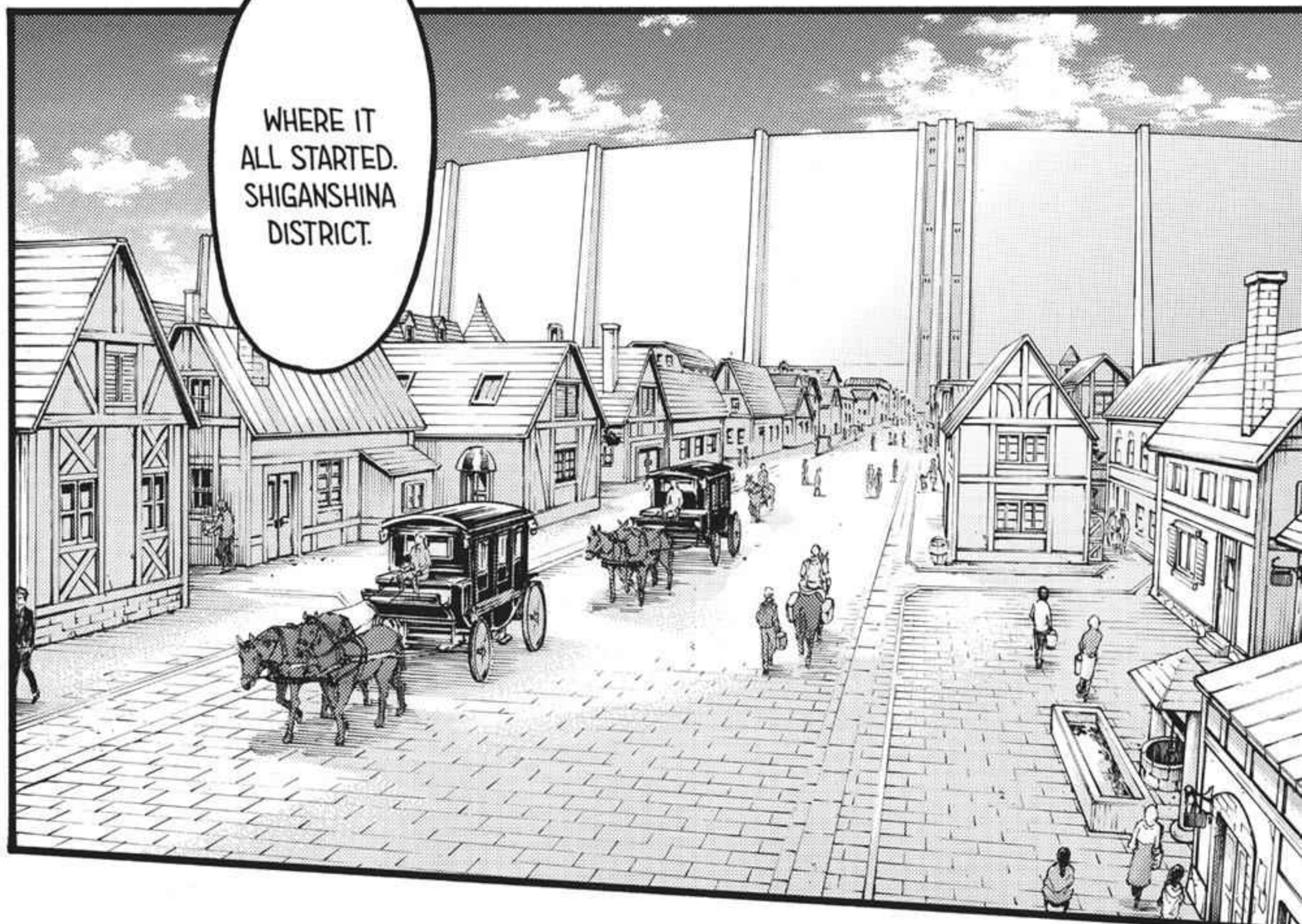
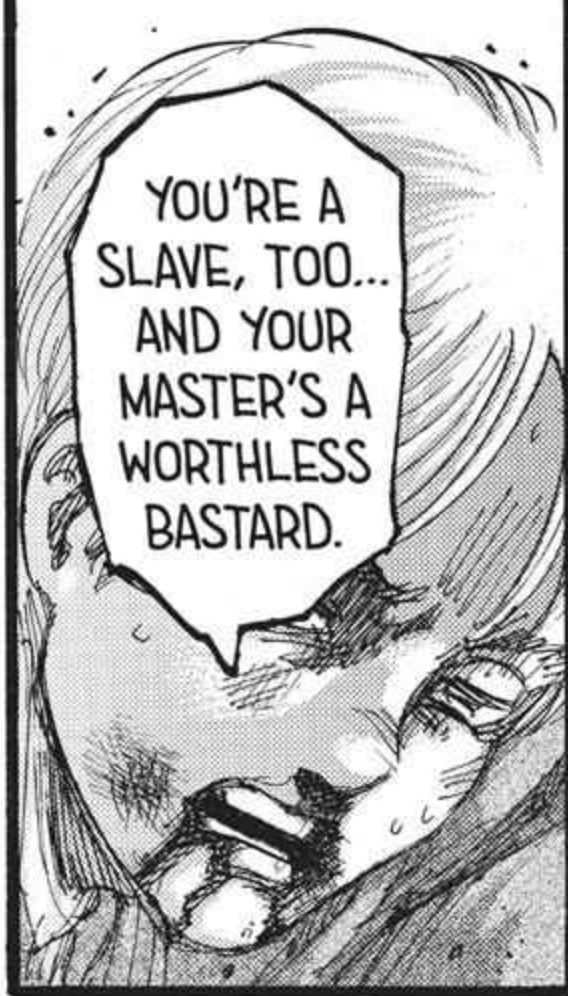
THE  
BRAT WHO  
KILLED  
SASHA,  
TOO.



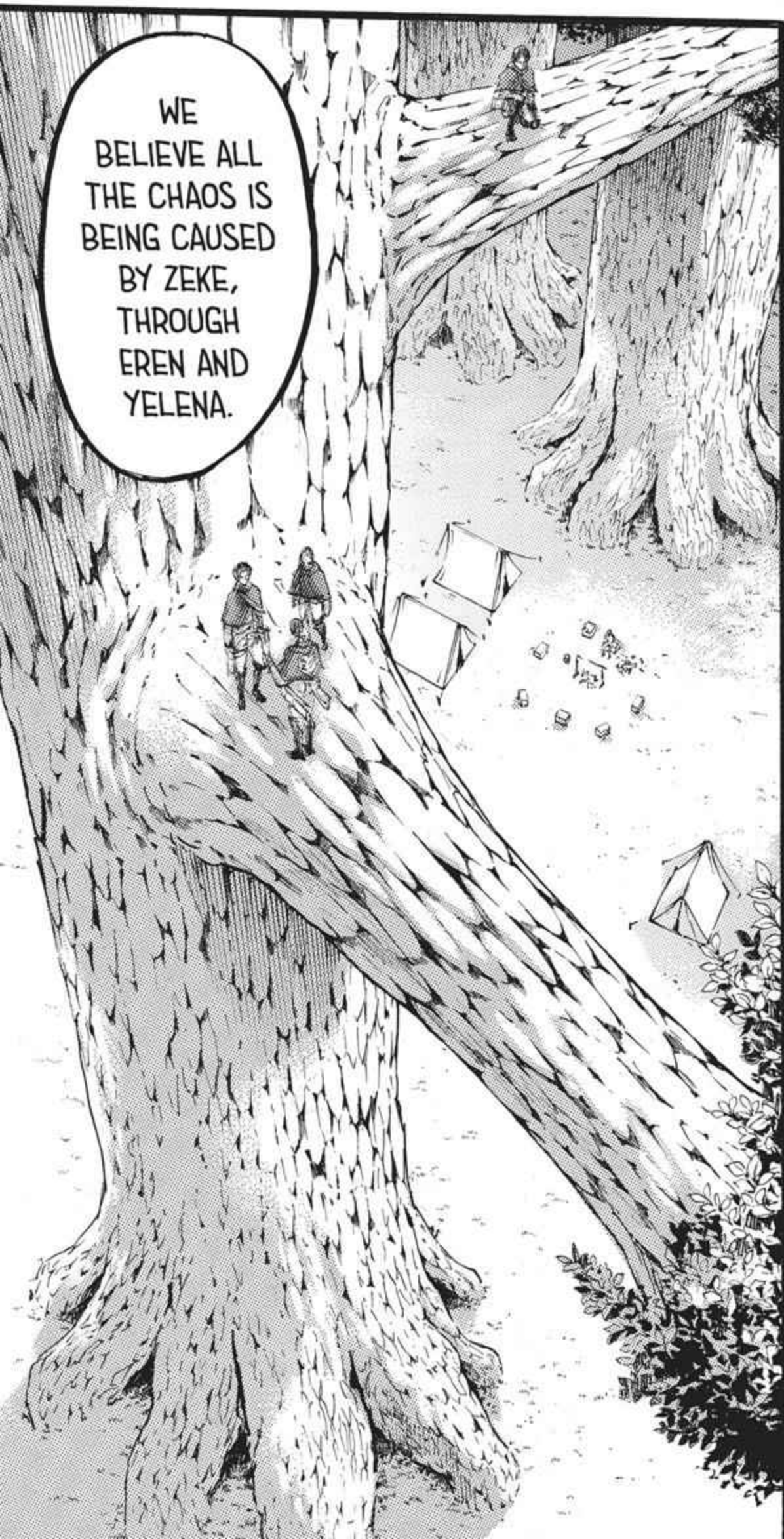
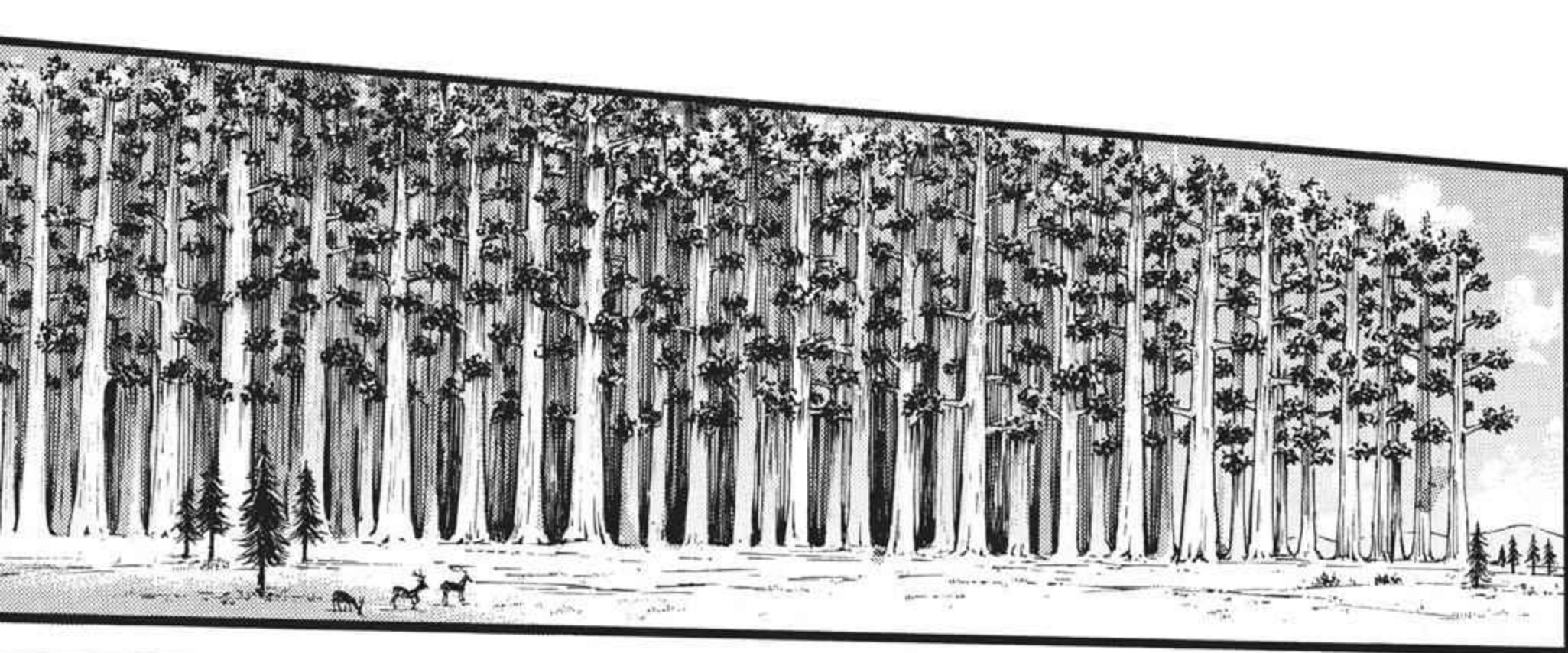
...  
THERE'D  
BE NO  
NEED FOR  
US TO  
FIGHT.

LIKE  
I SAID  
AT THE  
START. IF  
YOU TOLD  
ME WHERE  
ZEKE IS...









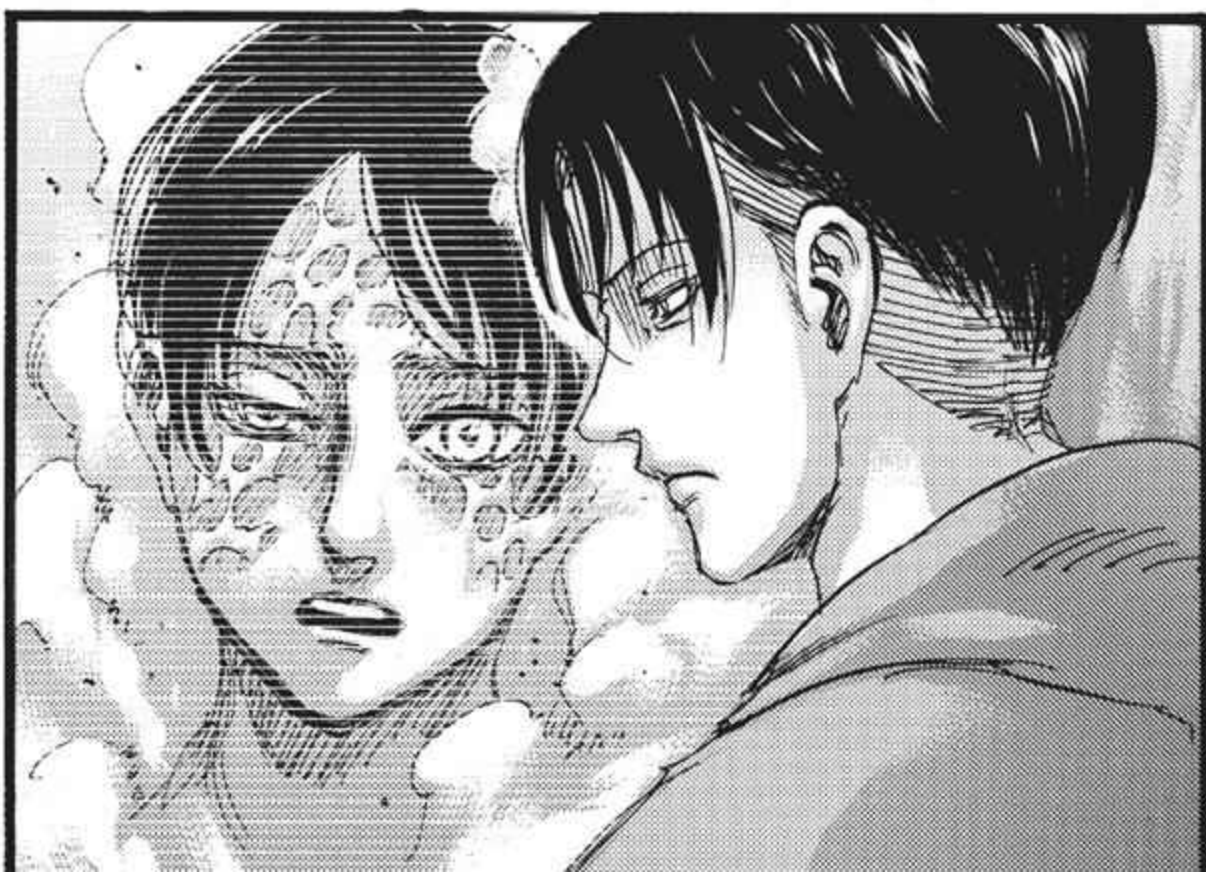
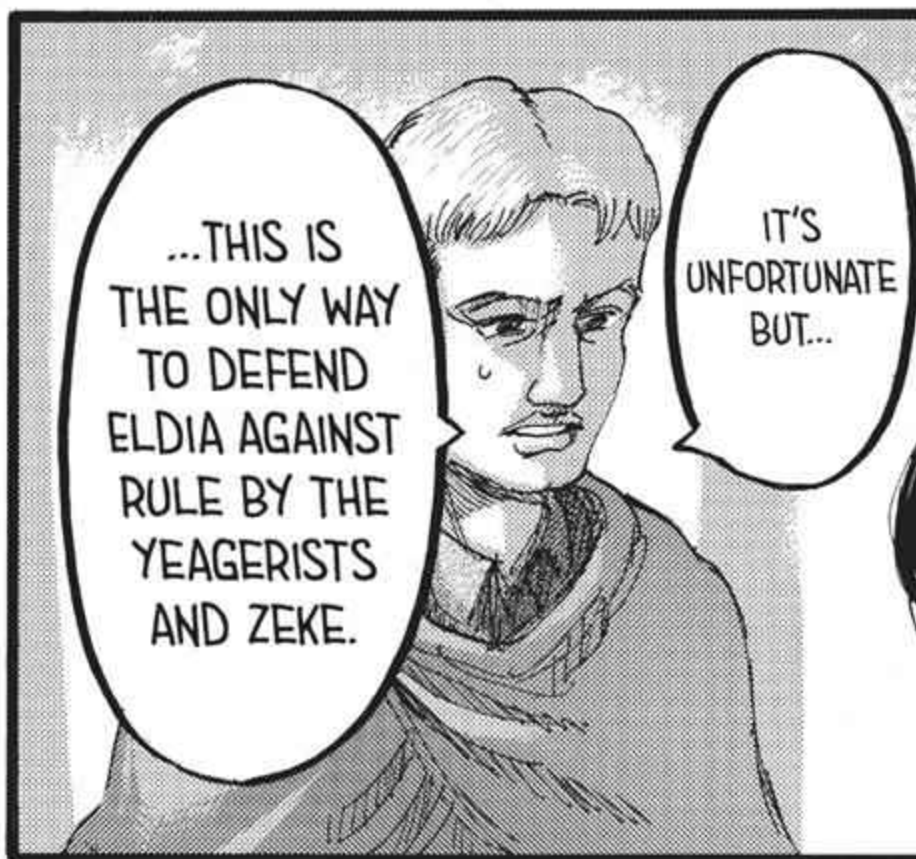
WE  
BELIEVE ALL  
THE CHAOS IS  
BEING CAUSED  
BY ZEKE,  
THROUGH  
EREN AND  
YELENA.



...ZACKLY  
WAS KILLED?

YES...THE  
YEAGERISTS  
EFFECTIVELY  
CONTROL  
EVERYTHING  
INSIDE THE  
WALLS.





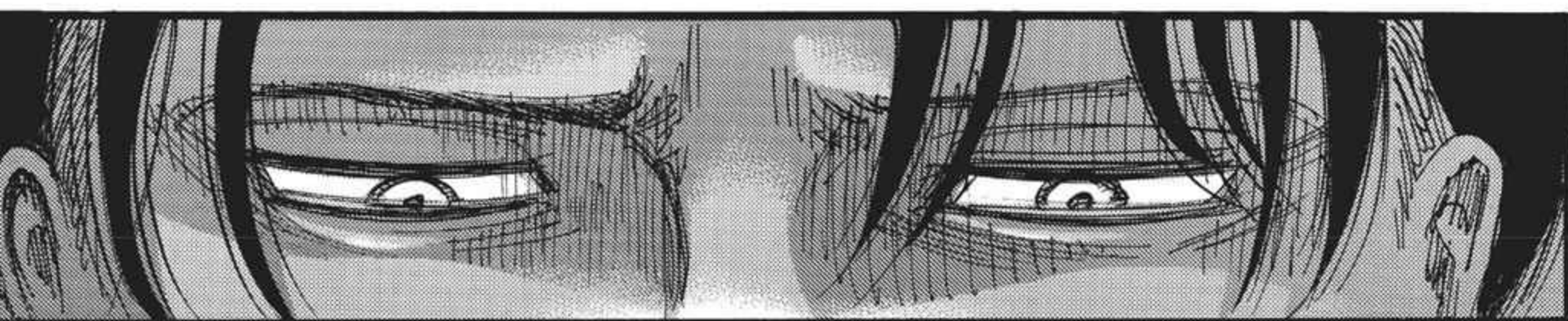




...SO MANY OF  
MY COMRADES  
HAVE DIED...

AND EACH  
TIME...

I'VE  
SAVED  
EREN'S  
LIFE  
AGAIN AND  
AGAIN.



I DID IT...

...BECAUSE I  
BELIEVED HE  
WAS THE BEST  
HOPE FOR  
HUMANITY'S  
SURVIVAL...



...WHAT  
WAS IT,  
REALLY?

THAT  
HOPE WE  
ALL LOOKED  
TOWARD...

IT'S ALMOST  
LIKE...ONE  
BIG, AWFUL  
JOKE.

AND THIS...  
**THIS** IS  
WHERE THAT  
BELIEF HAS  
GOTTEN ME.

GIVE  
ME A  
BREAK.

WELL, I'M  
NOT LAUGHING.

WAITING FOR  
US AFTER ALL  
THAT DEATH...  
WAS THIS  
**FARCE?**

HUH  
...?


...

IF THERE'S  
ANYONE WE  
SHOULD  
FEED TO A  
TITAN...

DON'T  
MAKE ME  
LAUGH.

...IT'S  
THAT  
PIECE  
OF  
SHIT.






GRAB ONE OF THOSE YEAGERISTS OR SOMETHING, TURN THEM INTO A TITAN, AND FEED ZEKE TO THEM.

WE'LL TRANSFER ZEKE'S BEAST.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



THEN, IF HISTORIA'S PREPARED LIKE SHE SAYS SHE IS, WE'LL FEED THE TITAN TO HER NEXT.

WE JUST NEED TO WAIT A FEW MONTHS FOR HER TO GIVE BIRTH.



I KNOW IT'S RECKLESS, BUT WE HAVE TO ACT.

WE CAN STRIKE AT MARLEY AGAIN AND DELAY THEIR ATTACK.



I'M NOT LETTING HIM DICTATE THINGS ANY LONGER.

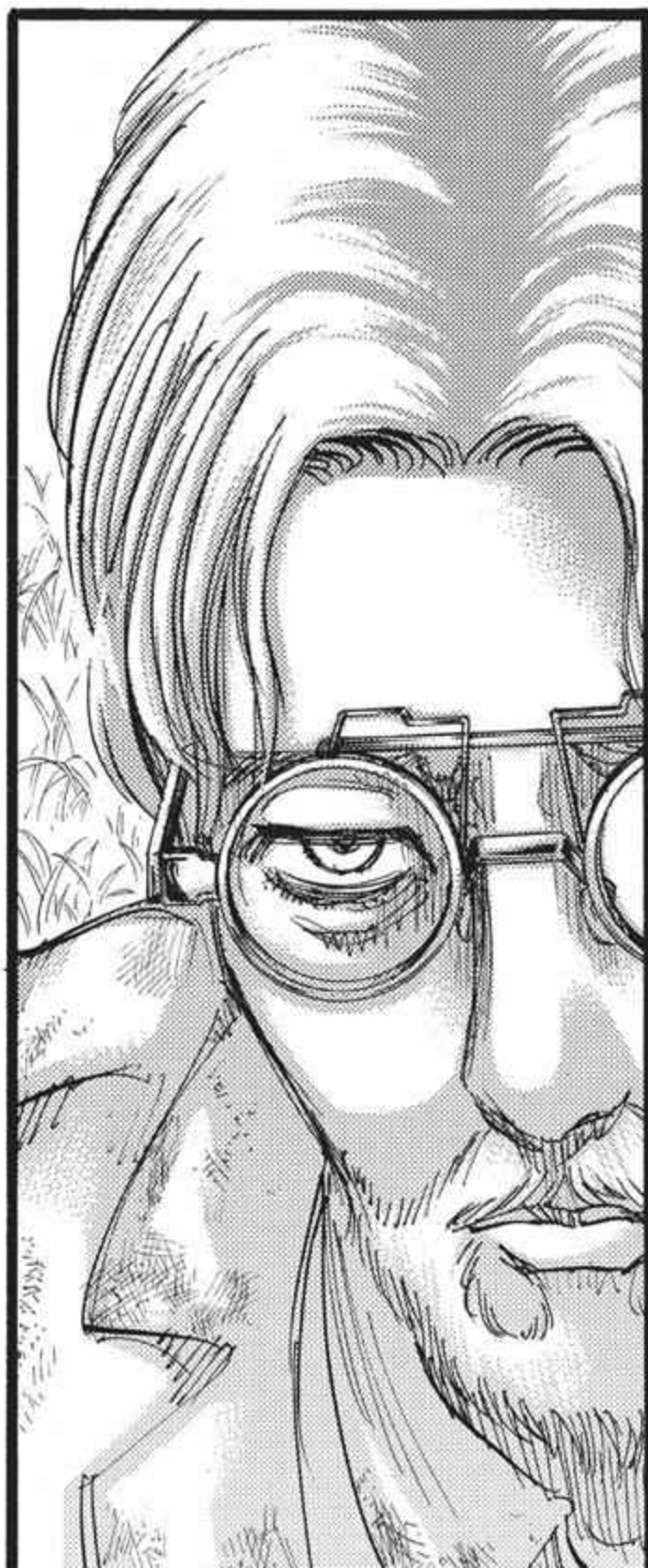
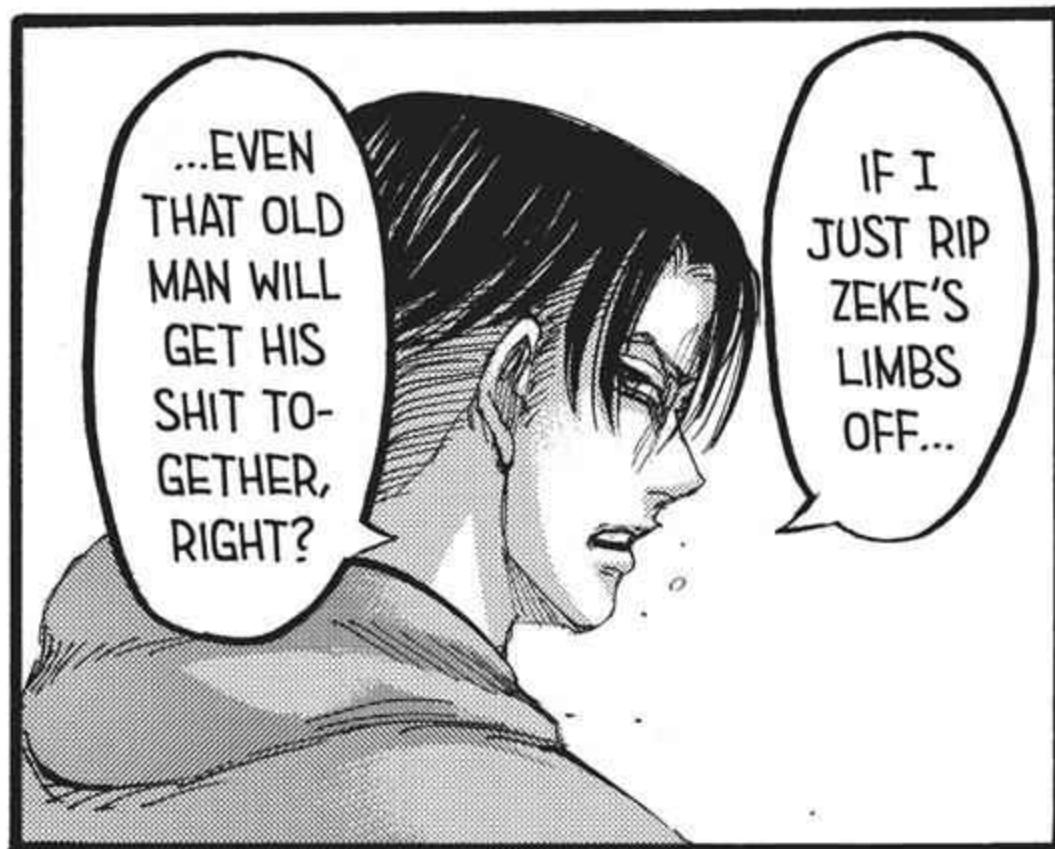


BUT ELDIA IS DONE FOR IF THERE'S AN ALL-OUT ATTACK ON US DURING THOSE MONTHS!

WHA...?!

AND THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW IF THE BIRTH WILL HAVE COMPLICATIONS...











EVEN IF HE TURNS  
INTO THE BEAST  
TITAN...

...THERE'S NO  
WAY FOR HIM TO  
ESCAPE.

THERE ARE 30  
FULLY-ARMED  
SOLDIERS UP IN  
THE TREES, SUR-  
ROUNDING THIS  
FOREST.

NOW THAT  
WE KNOW  
THAT  
HE'S JUST  
A HOSTAGE.  
AND HOS-  
TAGES DON'T  
NEED LIMBS.

THAT BEARDED  
BASTARD REALLY  
WAS OUR ENEMY  
ALL ALONG.

...THIS HAS  
BEEN A LONG  
TIME COMING.

IT LOOKS LIKE  
I'LL FINALLY  
BE ABLE TO  
FULFILL THE  
VOW I MADE  
TO YOU THAT  
DAY.

ERWIN...



AT LAST, I'LL BE  
ABLE TO PROVE IT.

YOUR DEATHS  
MEANT  
SOMETHING.













# ATTACK on TITAN